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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003 which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please consider the following amendments and arguments. A Petition for a 2-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.